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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings, amend each of Figs. 2b and 2c by adding element reference numerals 3, 3.2 and 4.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

There is no additional fee for this Amendment because the total number of independent claims does not exceed three and the total number of claims does not exceed twenty.

Amendment to Claims

Claim 1 has been amended by adding the limitations of Claim 2 and by forming a proper antecedent basis. Applicant believes that Claim 1 now represents the independent form of Claim 2.

Claim 2 has been canceled in view of the above Amendment to Claim 1.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend upon Claim 1 rather than canceled Claim 2.

Each of Claims 4, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 has been amended to form proper antecedent bases, to clarify the invention and to consistently name the elements.

Claim 9 has been amended by adding the limitations of Claim 1. Applicant believes that Claim 9 is now in independent form.

Claim 12 has been amended by adding the limitations of Claim 1. Applicant believes that Claim 12 is now in independent form.

The above Amendment adds no new matter to this Patent Application.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to for the reasons stated at Page 2 of the Office Action. Because the drawings adequately show and the Substitute Specification adequately discusses the connection between head unit 7, pin 21 and column 4, except for Figs. 2b and 2c, the drawings have not been amended, for at least the following reasons.

Fig. 6 shows a top perspective view of head unit 7 in a removed state with respect to inner profiled section 4. Fig. 7 shows a bottom perspective view of head unit 7, as shown in Fig. 6.

Fig. 6 shows a phantom line and an arrowhead indicating how pin 21 can be positioned within the hollow chamber of inner profiled section 4. Fig. 6 also shows a phantom line and an arrowhead describing how threaded piece 8.2, in the form of a cage nut, is inserted into the hollow chamber of inner profiled section 4. Fig. 6 also shows clamping lever 8 and a direction of insertion into a bore within inner profiled section 4. Fig. 6 also shows a phantom line indicating a direction of assembly for each fastening screw 13. The Substitute Specification fully describes the connection between head unit 7, pin 21 and column 4, such as at Page 10, line 7 through Page 12, line 9. For at least these reasons, the undersigned believes that the

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connection between head unit 7, pin 21 and column 4 is adequately described between Figs. 6 and 7 and the corresponding Substitute Specification.

Furthermore, Fig. 6 shows the insertion direction of clamp lever 8. Also, Figs. 3 and 4 show a similar arrangement, described at Page 9, lines 4-18 of the Substitute Specification. The undersigned believes that Figs. 3 and 4 along with the corresponding Substitute Specification adequately teaches how to use clamping lever 5 and/or clamping lever 8.

Should the Examiner require further explanation or further identification of where the Substitute Specification supports the connection, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone.

The drawings have been further objected to for the reasons stated at Page 3 of the Office Action. The undersigned believes that there is a typographical error at Page 3, line 5 of the Office Action, in that the phrase *screw holes* should read *receiver element*. The screw holes for attaching receiver element 9 are fastening bores 9.1, are shown in Fig. 6 and described in the Substitute Specification at Page 12, lines 8 and 9.

The undersigned has enclosed a Replacement Sheet adding element reference numerals 3.2, 4 and 3 to each of Figs. 2b and 2c.

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The undersigned does not understand the phrase *3.3 T-shaped clamp groove* on Page 3, at line 6 of the Office Action. Because each of Figs. 2a, 2b and 2c show T-shaped clamping groove 3.3, and because the Substitute Specification discusses the T-shaped clamping groove 3.3 at Page 9, line 5, the undersigned believes that no further Amendment is necessary.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth at Pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action. Each of Claims 7, 8 and 13 have been amended by deleting limitations to better clarify the invention. The undersigned believes that this Amendment addresses and overcomes the rejection of Claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 4-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth at Page 4 and 5 of the Office Action. Each of Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 has been amended to address and overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Raymond et al., U.S. Patent 2,602,863. This rejection is rendered moot in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

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Allowable Subject Matter

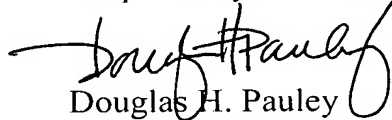
Claims 2-13 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, and to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 now represents the independent form of Claim 2. Each of Claims 9 and 12 have been amended into independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Each remaining claim ultimately depends upon and further limits an allowable independent claim. Thus, the undersigned believes that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the above Amendment and remarks address each and every issue raised by the Examiner and overcome each and every objection and rejection. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination of this Patent Application.

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